

Wolfville Area Food Bank 2015-2016 Annual Report to WAICC

The Wolfville Area Food Bank (WAFB) is entering its tenth year of operation. The key factors that allow us to continue our work include a capable and compassionate team of volunteers, a strong network of community partners and supporters, membership in Feed NS, and the faithful support of WAICC.

In 2015, the WAFB provided food orders for an average of 105 client families each month. Some families come to the food bank each month because they live in chronic poverty. Others use the food bank only occasionally, as the need arises, with some families attending just once or twice during the year.

While our numbers remained relatively stable our operating costs are increasing due to rising food costs. Fortunately we shop wisely and continue to be generously supported through food donations and financial assistance from organizations, our churches, businesses and individuals.

All of our clients come to us because they need food but coming to the food bank also gives clients the opportunity to have conversations with volunteers who can direct them to supports and services in the community. Through these relationships we are able to help families who need assistance in other areas of their lives including accessing government programs, or medical and dental services.

The WAFB continues to offer opportunities for youth and young adults to learn about and respond to the issue of food insecurity in their own community. Each year they present us with new and creative ways in which they can both learn and help others. In turn, we benefit from annual food drives organized by enthusiastic Acadia University, Horton High School and Wolfville School students.

The WAFB management team extends its thanks to the members of the WAICC Board, the congregations of their affiliate churches, our donors and our volunteers for supporting us in our work. Together we make an important difference in the lives of many families in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the WAFB Management Committee
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